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Office Action Summary

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 15 October 2001.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-27 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-27 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 1-11-2002 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
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- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: _____

DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

1. The following is a quotation of the first paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall contain a written description of the invention, and of the manner and process of making and using it, in such full, clear, concise, and exact terms as to enable any person skilled in the art to which it pertains, or with which it is most nearly connected, to make and use the same and shall set forth the best mode contemplated by the inventor of carrying out his invention.

Claims 1-27 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, as based on a disclosure which is not enabling. An encoding and transmitting method and apparatus of the KLT coefficients critical or essential to the practice of the invention, but not included in the claim(s) is not enabled by the disclosure. See *In re Mayhew*, 527 F.2d 1229, 188 USPQ 356 (CCPA 1976).

Claims 1 and 15 are drawn to a method and apparatus, respectively, for a coding a signal frame using a Karhunen-loeve transform, comprising estimating KLT basis vectors, calculating KLT coefficients and transmitting at least one of the KLT coefficients but not transmitting the KLT basis vectors. However, the specification clearly describes that both KLT coefficients and basis vectors must be transmitted in order to reconstruct the original signal at the receiver according to the prior art. See page 3, lines 4-10. Therefore, the present invention is related to a specific method of encoding and transmitting the KLT coefficients such that the KLT basis vectors do not have to be transmitted. No transmission of the KLT basis vectors is a result of such a KLT coefficients encoding method. Without defining the inventive encoding method of KLT coefficients, the claimed invention amounts to a prior art KLT transform that would not perform because of the deletion of a critical step. See MPEP § 2172.01.

Claims 2-14 and 16-27 are rejected for the same reason as dependent on rejected base claims.

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2. The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

3. Claims 1-27 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being incomplete for omitting essential elements, such omission amounting to a gap between the elements. See MPEP § 2172.01. The omitted elements are: the disclosed specific method of encoding and transmitting the KLT coefficients such that the KLT basis vectors do not have to be transmitted.

Claims 1 and 15 are drawn to a method and apparatus, respectively, for a coding a signal frame using a Karhunen-loeve transform, comprising estimating KLT basis vectors, calculating KLT coefficients and transmitting at least one of the KLT coefficients but not transmitting the KLT basis vectors. However, the specification clearly describes that both KLT coefficients and basis vectors must be transmitted in order to reconstruct the original signal at the receiver according to the prior art. See page 3, lines 4-10. Therefore, the present invention requires an improved way of KLT coefficients encoding method. Without defining the inventive encoding method of KLT coefficients, the claims are incomplete for omitting essential steps. See MPEP § 2172.01.

Claims 2-14 and 16-27 are rejected for the same reason as dependent on rejected base claims.

Conclusion

4. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

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Doyle et al (US 6,539,366), Panin et al (US 6,539,103) and Blanchett et al (US 6,152,883) describes a KTT transform.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Kevin Y Kim whose telephone number is 571-272-3039. The examiner can normally be reached on 8AM --5PM M-F.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Stephen Chin can be reached on 571-272-3056. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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